

2025 Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network Statewide Training Conference

P PLAN Program Training **T** Trial Advocacy Skills Training

SEPTEMBER 8 • MONDAY		Pre-Conference Day
7:30am – 8:30am		Registration - Trial Advocacy Skills Training Outside of York/Lebanon
7:45am – 8:30am		Breakfast for Trial Advocacy Participants Susquehanna Room
8:30am – 8:45am	T	Introduction to Trial Advocacy Training <i>Presenters: Mariel Quiñones-Mundo</i> York/Lebanon
8:45am – 9:45am	T	Effective Advocacy and Ethical Concerns <i>Presenters: Nick Matash, Schawanne Kilgus</i> York/Lebanon
9:45am – 10:00am		Morning Break TBA
10:00am – 11:00am	T	Direct Examination, Refreshing Recollection, and Introduction of Exhibits <i>Presenters: Nick Matash, Schawanne Kilgus</i> York/Lebanon
11:00am – 12:00pm	T	Cross Examination (e.g., Impeachment by Contradiction, Omission in Prior Statements) and Objections <i>Presenters: Nick Matash, Schawanne Kilgus</i> York/Lebanon
12:00pm – 1:00pm		Lunch Break Allegheny/Susquehanna
1:00pm – 2:00pm	T	Workshop with Critiques Breakout Rooms - Lochiel, William Penn, Metropolitan A & B, <i>Presenters: Nick Matash, Schawanne Kilgus, Michele L. Kluk</i>
1:00pm – 4:30pm	P	2025 PLAN Bi-Annual Statewide Compliance Training <i>Presenters: Elizabeth Griffith, Erik Hansen</i>
2:30pm – 2:45pm		Afternoon Break TBA
2:45pm – 5:15pm	T	Workshop with Critiques Breakout Rooms - Lochiel, William Penn, Metropolitan A & B, <i>Presenters: Nick Matash, Schawanne Kilgus, Michele L. Kluk</i>
5:15pm – 5:30pm	T	Program Wrap-Up York/Lebanon <i>Presenters: Mariel Quiñones-Mundo</i>

- C** Client Board Member Track
 N Communications and Development
 E Elder Law
 Y Employment Law
F Family Law
 G General
 H Health Law
 W Home Ownership and Consumer Rights
 O Housing Law
L Language Access
 B Public Benefits
 S Social Security/SSI
 U Utility Law

SEPTEMBER 9 • TUESDAY

PINNED 8:00am – 9:00am		Continental Breakfast	Harrisburg Ballroom
9:00am – 10:30am	C	Client Session 1	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	N	Policy Communications & Legislative Campaigns <i>Presenters: Andy Hoover, Morgan Plant</i>	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	Y	Seal a Conviction! Change a Life! <i>Presenters: Rep. Sheryl Delozier, Joshua Ostan, Sharon Dietrich, Noella Sudbury, Brian Gorman</i>	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	W	Responding to the Growth of Non-Judicial Foreclosures <i>Presenters: Rachel Labush, Tiffany Thomson, Mary Jacob</i>	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	L	Preserving Language Access in Changing Times: Law, Policy, and Practice <i>Presenters: Chi-Ser Tran, Peter Zurflieh, DeJonna Bates, Bridget Hylak</i>	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	S	SSI/Social Security Non-Disability Topics <i>Presenters: John Whitelaw</i>	TBA
9:00am – 10:30am	U	Utilities 101: Keeping the Lights On <i>Presenters: Lauren N. Berman, Maggie Lind</i>	TBA
PINNED 10:30am – 10:45am		Morning Break	Outside Harrisburg Ballroom
10:45am – 11:45am	C	Client Session 2	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	N	Media Training for Legal Advocates <i>Presenters: Dominic Slowey, Brittany Murphy</i>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	E	Nursing Home Discharge Cases: Resident Advocacy <i>Presenters: Nick Matash, Judy Weimer</i>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	F	The Myth of Parental Alienation and the False Promise of Reunification Therapy <i>Presenters: Katherine Guzzi, Addison Cropper</i>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	G	Strategies for Effective and Client-Centered Outreach: Lessons from Farmworker Programs <i>Presenters: Mary Ortiz-Herrera, Lerae Kroon, Jillian Aguilar-Garfias</i>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	O	Manufactured Homes 101: The Basics on Mobile Home Ownership in Pennsylvania. <i>Presenters: Dan Vitek</i>	TBA
10:45am – 11:45am	B	Threats to Medicaid and SNAP: Federal Update, Timeline, and Potential Impact on Pennsylvania <i>Presenters: Lydia Gotttesfeld, Maripat Pileggi, Amy Lowenstein, Louise Hayes</i>	TBA
PINNED 11:45am – 12:45pm		Lunch Buffet	Harrisburg Ballroom
12:45pm – 1:45pm		Plenary Session - <i>Presenters: April Frazier Camera</i>	Harrisburg Ballroom

PINNED 1:45pm – 2:00pm		Afternoon Break	Outside Harrisburg Ballroom
2:00pm – 3:30pm	N	Storytelling Through Data: From LegalServer to Impact Materials <i>Presenters: Travis Southard, Ron Ayler, Emma Wennberg</i>	TBA
2:00pm – 3:30pm	G	AI and the Future of Legal Work: Rethinking Justice in a Machine Age <i>Presenters: Sateesh Nori</i>	
2:00pm – 3:30pm	G	Yes You CAN Do That! Advocacy Within the LSC Restrictions <i>Presenters: Julia Simon-Mishel, Chris Buerger</i>	TBA
2:00pm – 3:30pm	H	Medicaid Waivers 101: Understanding Eligibility, Access, and Impact <i>Presenters: Pamela Silver, Miguel Strunk</i>	TBA
2:00pm – 3:30pm	O	Residents' Rights under MCHRA: Challenges Residents in Manufactured Home Communities Face and Legal Solutions <i>Presenters: Dan Vitek, Daniel Nawrocki, Cici Stafiuc</i>	TBA
PINNED 3:30pm – 3:45pm		Late Afternoon Break - Snack Included	Outside Harrisburg Ballroom
3:45pm – 4:45pm	C	Client Session 3	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	N	Creating Accessible and Impactful Client Materials with Canva <i>Presenters: Marion Fraley, Julia Marasco, Giselle Martinez</i>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	H	Hot Topics in Medicare & Medicaid <i>Presenters: Kyle Fisher, Jessica Lippert</i>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	W	Student Loan Updates: What Legal Aid Staff Need to Know for Themselves and Their Clients <i>Presenters: Kerry Smith, Tamar Hoffman</i>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	O	The Changed Landscape for "Rent to Own" Agreements Post Zanicky v. Skopow. <i>Presenters: Alfonso Madrid, Brandon Copeland</i>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	S	SSI/SSDI Applications, Forms and How to Complete Them <i>Presenters: Alicia Merrill</i>	TBA
3:45pm – 4:45pm	U	From Policy to Practice: Emerging Issues in Energy, Water, and the Environment <i>Presenters: Elizabeth Marx, Joline Price</i>	TBA
PINNED 5:30pm – 7:30pm		Dinner	Harrisburg Ballroom

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 D Disability
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O Housing Law
M Meetings
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B Public Benefits
S Social Security/SSI

SEPTEMBER 10 • WEDNESDAY

PINNED 7:30am – 8:30am		Breakfast Buffet	Harrisburg Ballroom
8:30am – 10:00am	N	Communications Strategy for Small Teams <i>Presenters: Brianna Bosak, Nora Davenport</i>	TBA
8:30am – 10:00am	D	Disability Rights Behind Bars <i>Presenters: Alexandra Morgan-Kurtz, Terrell Mosley, Stina Stannik, Sarah Bleiberg Bellos</i>	TBA
8:30am – 10:00am	H	From Denial to Approval: Legal Strategies for Securing Personal Assistance Services <i>Presenters: Meggie McCarthy-White, Rieko Shepard</i>	TBA
8:30am – 10:00am	W	Mortgage Caselaw Update 2025 <i>Presenters: Ian Charlton, Rachel Labush, Michael Froehlich</i>	TBA
8:30am – 10:00am	B	Digital Identity Authentication: How Our Clients are Navigating New De Facto Eligibility Requirements in Government Programs <i>Presenters: Lina Klose, Elizabeth Bynum Sorrell, Julia Simon-Mishel, Jennifer Burdick</i>	TBA
PINNED 10:00am – 10:15am		Morning Break	Outside Harrisburg Ballroom
10:15am – 11:15am	E	Navigating Romance Scams: Challenges, Best Practices, and Collaborative Approaches <i>Presenters: Roseanne Milanese</i>	TBA
10:15am – 11:15am	Y	A Conversation with the Department of Labor and Industry Deputy Secretaries <i>Presenters: Christopher S. Hallock, Maria Macus, Sharon Dietrich, Julia Simon-Mishel</i>	TBA
10:15am – 11:15am	F	Collateral Consequences of Family Law Orders <i>Presenters: Jamie Gullen, Arly Smith-Pearson, Alexandra Yates</i>	TBA
10:15am – 11:15am	O	Tenants' Rights in Privatized Public Housing <i>Presenters: Korey Lundin, Kevin Quisenberry</i>	TBA
10:15am – 11:15am	M	CAUSE-PA Meeting	TBA
10:15am – 11:15am	S	SSI/SSDI for the Non Practitioner - A 101 Review <i>Presenters: Mark Maher</i>	TBA
PINNED 11:15am – 11:30am		Late Morning Break	Outside Harrisburg Ballroom
11:30am – 12:30pm	G	PA Lobbying Disclosure: What a Legal Services Program Needs to Know. <i>Presenters: Sharon Dietrich</i>	TBA
11:30am – 12:30pm	R	Clinics and Outreach: Closing the Rural Justice Gap <i>Presenters: Judy Hale, Megan Lovett, Meghann E. Mikluscak-Hewitt, Melissa L. Evans</i>	TBA
11:30am – 12:30pm	B	Protecting Your Clients from the SNAP Three-Month Time Limit <i>Presenters: Louise Hayes, Mackenzie Libbey</i>	TBA
PINNED 12:30pm – 1:15pm		Box Lunch Pickup	Outside Harrisburg Ballroom

